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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, APRIL 15, 1999

APPLICATION OF

VIRGINIA GAS PIPELINE COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE990167

For Certification of a
Natural Gas Transmission Line
under the Utility Facilities
Act

ORDER INVITING WRITTEN COMMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR HEARING

On March 19, 1999, Virginia Gas Pipeline Company ("VGPC" or the "Company") filed an application with the Virginia State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), pursuant to the Utilities Facilities Act (§ 56-265.1 et seq.) of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia, requesting a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct, own and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline system and related facilities to provide an additional throughput of 21,500 dekatherms of gas per day. The proposed pipeline is an expansion of VGPC's existing P-25 pipeline system from Chilhowie, Virginia, to Radford, Virginia.¹

VGPC proposes to extend the line from Radford into Roanoke County, Virginia, and to construct laterals to Rocky Mount,

¹ The existing P-25 pipeline from Chilhowie to Radford, Virginia, was approved by the Commission in Case No. PUE970024.

Virginia, and into the City of Roanoke. The Company states that the project will total approximately 57.4 miles and will connect VGPC's facilities with markets further east. The Company proposes using the same tariff for firm transportation service agreements as that currently on file with the Commission for its P-25 transmission line. The proposed transmission line passes through the distribution territories of United Cities Gas Company and Roanoke Gas Company and will provide natural gas transportation service only.

NOW THE COMMISSION, having considered the matter, is of the opinion that VGPC's application should be docketed; that the public should have an opportunity to comment on the application and request a hearing; and that Staff should investigate and analyze the application and file a report detailing the results of its investigation. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUE990167.

(2) The Company shall make a copy of its application and exhibits available for public inspection at the Office of Virginia Gas Pipeline, 200 East Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210 during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) Any interested person desiring to comment on this application may do so by directing such comments on or before May 28, 1999, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUE990167.

(4) Any person desiring a hearing shall file, on or before May 28, 1999, a request for hearing in writing with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218, and shall refer to Case No. PUE990167. Requests for hearing shall state with specificity why such concerns cannot be adequately addressed in written comments.

(5) On or before July 16, 1999, the Commission Staff shall analyze the reasonableness of VGPC's application and file a report detailing the results of its investigation.

(6) Discovery shall be in accordance with Part VI of the S.C.C. Rules except that the Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within ten (10) days of service.

(7) On or before May 14, 1999, the Company shall publish the following notice as display advertising, not classified, once in newspapers in the areas through which the pipeline is proposed to be constructed:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC OF AN APPLICATION
BY VIRGINIA GAS PIPELINE COMPANY FOR
A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND
NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT, OWN AND OPERATE A
NATURAL GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINE SYSTEM
AND RELATED FACILITIES
CASE NO. PUE990167

On March 19, 1999, Virginia Gas Pipeline Company ("VGPC" or "the Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") requesting the Commission to issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing VGPC to construct, own and operate a natural gas transmission pipeline system and related facilities to provide an additional throughput of 21,500 dekatherms of gas per day. The proposed pipeline is an expansion of VGPC's existing P-25 pipeline system from Chilhowie, Virginia, to Radford, Virginia.

VGPC proposes to extend the line from Radford into Roanoke County, Virginia, and to construct laterals to Rocky Mount, Virginia, into the City of Roanoke. The Company states that the project will total approximately 57.4 miles and will connect VGPC's facilities with markets further east. The Company proposes using the same tariff for firm transportation as that currently on file with the Commission for its P-25 transmission tariff. The proposed transmission line passes through the distribution territories of United Cities Gas Company and Roanoke Gas Company and will provide natural gas transportation service only.

Interested persons are encouraged to review VGPC's application and supporting documents for the details of all proposals found in the application. Interested persons should be advised that, after considering all of the evidence, the Commission may alter proposals appearing in

the Company's application or may approve a tariff which differs from that appearing in the Company's application.

Copies of VGPC's application are available for public inspection during regular business hours at VGPC's office at 200 Main Street, Abingdon, Virginia 24210, during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The application is also available for public inspection Monday through Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the State Corporation Commission, Document Control Center, First Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

Any person desiring to comment in writing on VGPC's application or request a hearing may do so by directing such comments or requests on or before May 28, 1999, to Joel H. Peck, Clerk of the Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P.O. 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218 and shall refer to Case No. PUE990167. Requests for hearing shall state with specificity why such concerns cannot be adequately addressed in written comments. On or before May 28, 1999, a copy of the comments or requests for hearing must also be sent to the Company as follows: Michael L. Edwards, President, Virginia Gas Pipeline Company, P.O. Box 2407, Abingdon, Virginia 24212.

If no requests for hearing are received, a formal hearing with oral testimony may not be held and the Commission may make its decisions administratively, based upon papers filed in this proceeding.

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(8) On or before May 14, 1999, VGPC shall serve a copy of this Order on the chair of the board of supervisors of any county and upon the mayor or manager of any county, city, or

town (or upon equivalent officials in counties, towns, and cities having alternate forms of government) lying within the area in which VGPC proposes to construct the pipeline. Service shall be made by first-class mail or delivery to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.

(9) The Company shall forthwith serve a copy of its application and accompanying documents upon the Director of the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation and upon the Director of the Department of Environment Quality. Service shall be made by first-class mail to the customary place of business or residence of the person served.